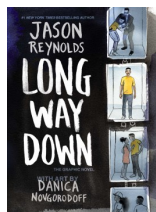


Realistic Fiction for Teens

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Long way down : the graphic novel

by Jason Reynolds

As Will, fifteen, sets out to avenge his brother Shawn's fatal shooting, seven ghosts who knew Shawn board the elevator and reveal truths Will needs to know. YA GN LONG



The misdirection of fault lines

by Anna Gracia

Three teen girls compete at an elite tennis tournament for a shot at their dreams — if only they knew what their dreams were. YA FIC GRACIA



Brownstone

by Samuel Teer

In the summer of 1995, almost-fifteen-year-old Almudena is sent to live with her estranged Spanish-speaking father, and together they renovate a brownstone and build a relationship while Almudena navigates the Latin American side of her

heritage for the first time. YA GN BROWNSTONE

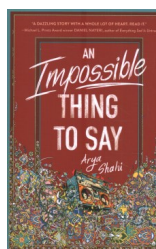


Stepping off

by Jordan Sonnenblick

When his parents stop talking to each other, Jesse tries to maintain his dream life in Pennsylvania away from the pressures of high school in NYC until COVID shuts the city down just days after his mother leaves his father, causing his two worlds to collide.

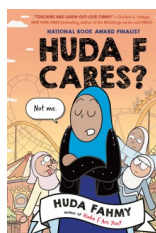
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An impossible thing to say

by Arya Shahi

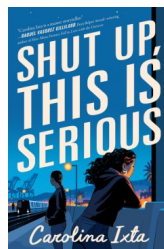
In the aftermath of 9/11, Omid grapples with finding the right words to connect with his grandfather, embrace his Iranian heritage, and express his feelings towards a girl, until he immerses himself in the rhymes and rhythms of rap music. YA FIC SHAHI



Huda F cares

by Huda Fahmy

This summer's exercise in Fahmy family sisterly bonding involves a trip to Disney World--which seems like it is headed for disaster when Huda gets into a fight with a boy making fun of her hijab. YA GN HUDA



Shut up, this is serious

by Carolina Ixta

An unforgettable YA debut about two Latina teens growing up in East Oakland as they discover that the world is brimming with messy complexities. YA FIC IXTA



This book won't burn

by Samira Ahmed

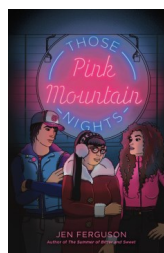
After her dad abruptly abandons her family, Noor Khan is forced to start the last quarter of her senior year at a new school and plans to keep her head down until she discovers hundreds of books being removed from the library. YA FIC AHMED



The queens of New York

by E. L. Shen

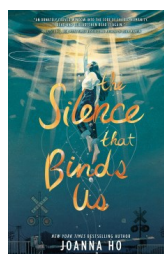
Spending their first summer apart, Jia, Ariel and Everett, as they each deal with heartbreaking surprises and shocking self-discoveries, realize even though they're physically apart, they are still strong together. YA FIC SHEN



Those Pink Mountain nights

by Jenny Ferguson

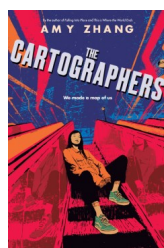
While working at Pink Mountain Pizza, three teens find their weekend taking unexpected turns, forcing them to acknowledge the ways they've been hurt and how much they need each other to hold it all together. YA FIC FERGUSON



The silence that binds us

by Joanna Ho

Maybelline Chen challenges racial accusations against her parents after her brother's suicide and decides to speak out through her writing despite the consequences. YA FIC HO



The cartographers

by Amy Zhang

Taking her savings and going off the grid in NYC, Ocean struggles to balance the expectations of her immigrant mother with her own place in the world and must find the strength to map out her future, dreams and path toward adulthood. YA FIC ZHANG

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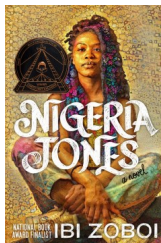
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Lost in Taiwan

by Mark Crilley

When Paul becomes lost in Taiwan, he meets Pei-Jing, who teaches him about the local culture as she helps him find his way home. YA GN LOST



Nigeria Jones

by Ibi Aanu Zoboi

When her mother disappears, Nigeria, searches for her, uncovering a shocking truth which leads her to question everything she thought she knew. YA FIC ZOBOI



This is not a personal statement

by Tracy Badua

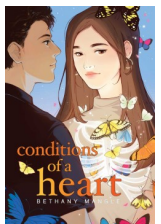
When she doesn't get into Delmont University, Perla forges her own acceptance letter and arrives on campus with a plan, but soon her guilty conscience and campus security make her wonder if this is something she even wants. YA FIC BADUA



Flamer

by Mike Curato

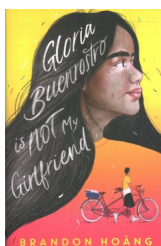
In the summer before high school, Aiden is away at camp where he navigates friendships, deals with bullies, and spends time with Elias (a boy he can not stop thinking about), he finds himself on a path of self-discovery and acceptance. YA GN FLAMER



Conditions of a Heart

by Bethany Mangle

Suspended from school after trying to break up a fight, Brynn, who's been hiding a disability that's rapidly wearing her down, wonders if it's possible to reinvent her world by being the person she thought no one wanted: herself. YA FIC MANGLE



Gloria Buenrostro is not my girlfriend

by Brandon Hoang

To gain entrance to the popular crowd, Gary must acquire a possession from Gloria, a beautiful and mysterious girl, but as he gets to know her, he realizes no amount of popularity is worth losing a true friend. YA

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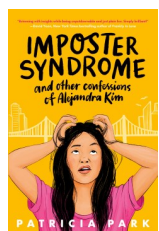


Bunt! : striking out on financial aid

by Ngozi Ukazu

Molly's first year of college is not picture-perfect. On day one, Molly discovers that her scholarship has vanished! But the documents reveal a loophole. If Molly and other art students win a game of softball, they'll receive an athletic scholarship. Can

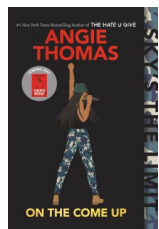
Molly's crew of artists succeed? YA GN BUNT



Imposter syndrome and other confessions of Alejandra Kim

by Patricia Park

When a microaggression at her school thrusts her into the spotlight, half-Latinx/half-Korean Alejandra must carve out a place for herself while dealing with the loss of her father. YA FIC PARK



On the come up

by Angie Thomas

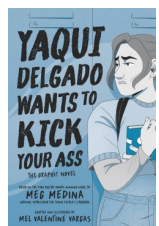
Bri hopes to become a great rapper, and after her first song goes viral, must decide whether to sell out or face eviction with her widowed mother. YA FIC THOMAS



Piecing me together

by Renee Watson

Tired of being singled out at her school as someone who needs support, Jade would rather participate in the school's amazing Study Abroad program than join Women to Women, a mentorship program for at-risk girls. YA FIC WATSON

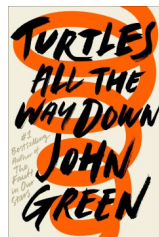


Yaqui Delgado wants to kick your ass : the graphic novel

by Mel Valentine Vargas

Informed that a bully she does not know is determined to beat her up, Piddy struggles to learn more about the father she has never met, until the bully's gang forces her to confront more difficult challenges. YA GN

YAQUI



Turtles all the way down

by John Green

Aza Holmes, a high school student with obsessive-compulsive disorder, becomes focused on searching for a fugitive billionaire. YA FIC GREEN